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News worth sharing.

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▶ Winnipeg Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec keeps his eye on the puck as he makes a save against the New Jersey Devils in Newark Tuesday. The Jets lost 5-1. Story on page 11.

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Jets bested in Devil of a game

Former wheat board directors want injunction

- Meanwhile, layoffs begin in downtown Winnipeg
- More jobs to be lost among 371 employees

Former directors of the Canadian Wheat Board have asked a Manitoba judge to stop the federal government from removing the board's monopoly over western wheat and barley sales.

The board's lawyers appeared in Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench Tuesday to argue the government violated its own law — the Canadian Wheat Board Act — by not holding a plebiscite among producers before making the change. The government amended the law in December, and wheat board supporters want that amendment declared invalid.

"Courts do have the jurisdiction to determine the validity of legislation once passed into law," wheat board lawyer Colin MacArthur told the court.

"Courts do have the jurisdiction to determine the validity of legislation once passed into law."
WHEAT BOARD LAWYER COLIN MACARTHUR TO THE COURT

"The (agriculture) minister did not hold a vote among producers prior to tabling that bill."

This week's hearing, which is scheduled to continue Wednesday, is to determine whether the court should issue an injunction to prevent the government from making any changes until the case can be heard.

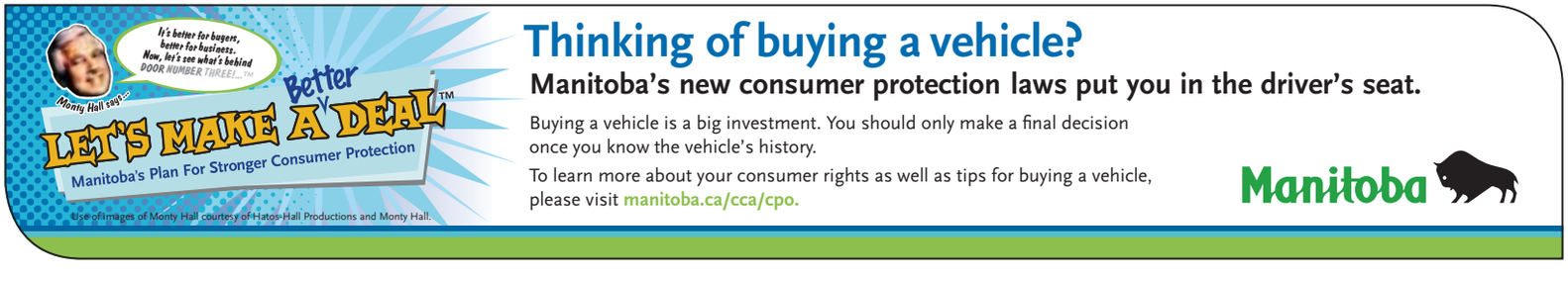
MacArthur faced tough questions from Justice Shane Perlmutter about whether a Manitoba court was the proper place for the hearing.

"Wouldn't a Federal Court judge be able to deal with this effectively?" Perlmutter asked. "You want me to take steps to enforce another judge's order."

Monday, the Canadian Wheat Board confirmed that 23 layoff notices were issued to employees.

CWB spokesperson Maureen Fitzhenry said now that the board is a commercial entity, the organization needs to "right-size."

Fitzhenry said the layoffs will continue for the next several months, but she wasn't able to say how many people would be cut. **THE CANADIAN PRESS WITH FILES FROM ELISHA DACEY**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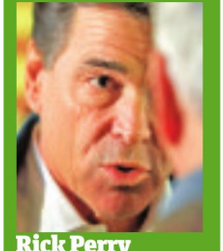

Rick Perry infuriates Turkey's government with his latest debate controversy. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Back in black: City ends year with surplus

By saving money on services like mosquito fogging and snow clearing, the City of Winnipeg is expecting a 2011 surplus of more than $3.6 million.

"It's trending well that we'll be in the black and at a pretty decent number by year end," said the city's finance chair Coun. Scott Fielding.

The good financial news was released in a report Tuesday, and Fielding expects the final 2011 surplus to be even higher once numbers from December are added.

The surplus will be added to the city's general-purpose reserve. METRO

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▶ Daniel St. Vincent and Jocelyne Gagnon, official voyageur family members.

Vive le festival!

Festival du Voyageur unveiled programming for its 43rd edition at Fort Gibraltar on Tuesday. This year's festival will feature more than 235 musical shows and new events like the Louis-Riel Look-A-Like Contest. Check heho.ca for more information. METRO

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▶ Amita Khandpur, who taught in Egypt during the country's uprising, holds a picture from a book she's created featuring her Egyptian students' drawings and stories of the revolution. Find more information at facebook.com/REVOLUTIONBOOK.

A revolutionary idea

▶ Winnipegger raises money through book of drawings and stories from Egyptian students ▶ Woman taught in Egypt during its revolution

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"I didn't leave right away because it was my home and I didn't feel like I was in immediate danger. And then a tank drove in front of my apartment and I figured it was time to go."
WINNIPEGGER AMITA KHANDPUR

A Winnipeg-born teacher who taught in Egypt during the revolution is raising money for the country through a book of stories and artwork created by her students during the uprising.

"My idea was to get them to write it down and talk it about it," said Amita Khandpur, who has self-published the book titled The Revolution Through the Eyes of Children.

Khandpur taught in Egypt for five years before returning to teach in Manitoba last July.

She lived and taught in Egypt throughout the revolution, with the exception of a 10-day stretch last February when she was forced to briefly leave.

The stories, drawings and photographs in Khandpur's 35-page book come from a project she had her 23 Grade 3 students undertake to help them process and understand the things they saw during the conflict.

Khandpur began selling the book about a month ago and she's already sold nearly 100 copies. It is selling for $20 with proceeds being sent back to Egypt to help pay for things like food and medical costs.

To order a copy, email Khandpur at therevelloutionbook@gmail.com.

Museum to raffle Bieber/Gomez shirt

A local museum is hoping an unexpected celebrity encounter will pay off for its main attraction.

The Manitoba Museum is raffling off a T-shirt signed by celebrity sweethearts Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. The pair spent a romantic dinner on the museum's Nonsuch ship when the pop stars were in town late last year.

"They are a very lovely young couple and were very appreciative of our efforts to make their date at the museum special," said Claudette Leclerc, museum CEO.

They signed a black Nonsuch T-shirt to be raffled off on April 10. Proceeds will go to the museum's Nonsuch Conservation Project. Tickets are $5 and can be bought at the Manitoba Museum website. METRO

MANITOBA MUSEUM/CONTRIBUTED

▶ The Manitoba Museum is raffling off this shirt.

News in brief

9 to hospital after fire

NORTH END. Nine people, including three children, were treated for smoke inhalation after a house fire in Winnipeg. All went to hospital Tuesday, but are in stable condition. Officials believe a faulty electrical heater caused the fire. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hydro-rate increase denied

PUB. The Manitoba Public Utilities Board has denied a 2.9 per cent rate rise sought by Manitoba Hydro. Instead, the PUB granted initial projected increases of 1.9 per cent as of April 1, 2010, and two per cent as of April 1, 2011. Manitobans may see a refund or credit, as they were paying the 2.9 per cent increase since 2011. METRO

‘Go on board!’ captain of doomed ship told

Death toll from shipwreck rose sharply on Tuesday, to 11

GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Italian naval divers approach the cruise ship Costa Concordia Tuesday after it ran aground on the tiny Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy, on Friday evening.

“You go on board! Is that clear? Do you hear me?” the coast guard officer shouted as the captain of the grounded Costa Concordia sat safe in a life raft and frantic passengers struggled to escape after the ship rammed into a reef off the Tuscan coast.

“It is an order. Don’t make any more excuses. You have declared ‘Abandon ship.’ Now I am in charge.”

The dramatic recording made public Tuesday shows Capt. Francesco Schettino resisted orders to return to his ship to direct the evacuation, saying it was too dark and the ship was tipping perilously.

The Costa Concordia had more than 4,200 passengers and crew on board when it slammed into the reef Friday off the tiny island of Giglio after Schettino made an unauthorized manoeuvre from the ship’s programmed course — apparently to show off the luxury liner to the island’s residents.

Schettino has insisted that he stayed aboard until the ship was evacuated. However, the recording of his conversation with Italian Coast Guard Capt. Gregorio De Falco makes clear he fled before all passengers were off — and then defied De Falco’s repeated orders to go back.

The exchange also indicates that Schettino did not know anyone had died, with De Falco telling him at one point: “There are already bodies now, Schettino.”

“How many bodies?” Schettino asks in a nervous tone.

“You are the one who has to tell me how many there are!” De Falco barks in response.

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Tape recording

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▶ **Conversation.** At one point, in a recording of a conversation between Italian Coast Guard Capt. Gregorio De Falco and Francesco Schettino, pictured, De Falco vowed: “I’m going to make sure you get in trouble.... I am going to make you pay for this. Go on board, (expletive)!”

Scan the code or go to metronews.ca to hear the full recording.

Conservatives stay in the shadows as spy drama unfolds

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

▶ Jeffrey Paul Delisle is escorted from Halifax provincial court to a sheriff’s van on Tuesday morning.

The Harper government hunkered down Tuesday in an attempt to weather an unfolding spy drama involving a naval officer who worked at one of the most sensitive and secure military intelligence centres in the country.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, the military and the RCMP turned aside questions on the case of Sub.-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle, who’s charged with communicating information to a foreign entity.

Defence experts said, given where the suspect worked, the potential damage to national security was immense.

MacKay said he would not confirm or deny reports the foreign power involved could be Russia, but a defence expert said that country is the most likely suspect, given the few details available.

“I am not going to play Clue,” MacKay said during a media availability to trumpet $337 million for a new satellite system intended to make military and government communications more secure.

“Our allies have full confidence in Canada.”

DEFENCE MINISTER PETER MACKAY WHEN ASKED ABOUT CHARGES LAID AGAINST A NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN HALIFAX

The case against Delisle was adjourned until next week by a Halifax judge, leaving the mystery to deepen as a neighbour in Bedford, N.S., described him as “someone who kept to himself” since moving from Ontario.

His rented house was turned upside down by RCMP and military police investigators last week.

The Security of Information Act, the law being used to prosecute Delisle, remains untested in court — never having been used in a case of alleged espionage since its passage in 2001.

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THE WORST IS BEHIND US

JUST SAYIN' ...

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We should get a medal.

On it should be: "I survived Blue Monday."

If you're reading this, it's confirmed: you survived what is held to be the most depressing day of the year.

There's even a formula for those who don't automatically buy the idea that the third Monday in January is the most depressing day of the year. Developed by some helpful guy in Wales, it factors in weather, post-holiday bills, the grim fact that holidays are over, enthusiasm for your new year's resolution is officially on the wane, and there's that nagging feeling that if you don't do something, it's only going to get worse.

I'd add that for most of the country, the next holiday doesn't come until April 6, and there's a long stretch of another-day-older-and-deeper-in-debt until we get there.

So at least you should get a freaking medal.

I spent the most depressing day of the year in a room full of rocket scientists (don't ask) and by the end of it, I came to the conclusion that I need more RAM. But at least I got to the end of it, and by the time I turned out the light and pulled the covers over my head, I was feeling quite smug: starting tomorrow, there's nowhere to go but up.

"Even the not-psychologist admits his calculations are meaningless. But that hasn't stopped media from picking up the story, thanks to the time-tested tradition of never letting the facts get in the way of a good story."

And the same guy who calculated the most depressing day of the year has also determined the happiest day of the year, which this year for some reason is Monday, June 18.

We're happy on June 18, allegedly, because it's warm enough to go outside and play; therefore, we're closer to nature in all its early-summertime glory. We can hang out with friends without being frostbitten and even if we're miserable creatures we can remember summers long ago when we weren't. Finally, we're almost on holiday, which is better than being fresh out of holidays.

It's all very scientific, except that it isn't. Some killjoy pointed out that the so-called expert who devised the formula is not, as often billed, a psychologist at the University of Cardiff. Even the not-psychologist admits his calculations are meaningless. But that hasn't stopped media from picking up the story, thanks to the time-tested tradition of never letting the facts get in the way of a good story.

Surely at this time of the year, we need all the encouragement we can get. And the news that we've hit rock bottom and it can only get better is welcome news indeed.

It would be even better if it came with a medal we could wear around our necks … at least until the Easter Bunny finally saves the day.

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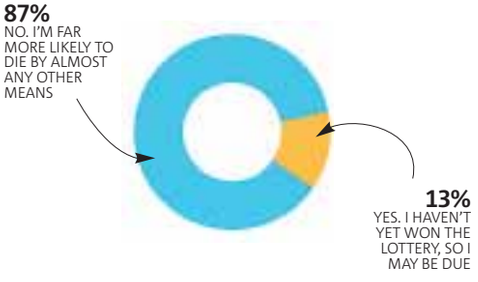
Are you afraid of yet another falling piece of space junk?



Local tweets

- **@__Serena Ann:** Annoyed by the weather haters... Um HELLOOO you live in Winnipeg. WTF did you expect?!
- **@edgebusiness:** Just chilling in Winnipeg, as apparently it's -35C with the wind chill. Keep warm!
- **@PushpinderM:** -25? Finally starting to feel like a #winnipeg January.
- **@LD_StVital:** Hey #Vancouver, snow got you down? Could be worse....it could be -25 like it is here in #Winnipeg! Not to mention the wind chill!!
- **@kgasmen:** This weather will eat you alive if your not dressed properly! So dress warm and wear layers! #winnipeg
- **@msfili:** Now this is the Winnipeg weather that's been missing for awhile... She's back and she's bitchy!
- **@JohnGAlho:** Too warm to wash my car two days ago...way too cold to wash my car today! #winnipeg #winter #umanitoba

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A gallop on fire to honour a saint

A man rides a horse through a bonfire in the small village of San Bartolomé de Pinares in Spain. In honour of St. Anthony (San Anton), the patron saint of animals, hundreds of horses are ridden through bonfires on the night before the official day of paying homage to animals. MWN

Then a feast of sausages after

These steeds leap through bonfires to drum beats and Spanish bagpipes until midnight, when the riding ends. By morning, when the fires have died down to embers, locals grill a feast of chorizo and blood sausage. Those taking part in the festival believe the flames and smoke "purify" the horses. MWN

"I myself remember from childhood this is how the village elders and I prayed to St. Anthony."

SAN BARTOLOMÉ MAYOR MARIA JESUS MARTIN TOLD LOCAL MEDIA. FOR CENTURIES AN EPIDEMIC WIPED OUT REGIONAL WORKHORSES. RESIDENTS THEN PRAYED TO ST. ANTHONY FOR PROTECTION BY BURNING AN EFFIGY AT THE STAKE AS A SYMBOL OF PURIFICATION.

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200 horses, as well as dogs, cats, pigs, birds and even ferrets, took part in San Bartolomé's annual blessing of the animals.

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Crown: Nortel 'scheme' like a game of Sudoku

Prosecutors allege fraud deeply rooted in company, 2002-03 profits manipulated to achieve desired results

Crown lawyers at the fraud trial of three former Nortel Networks executives say the men created a culture of dishonesty at the fallen telecom equipment maker, encouraging staff members to cook the books to meet bonus-related targets.

Lead prosecutor Robert Hubbard told court Tuesday that under the direction of then-CEO Frank Dunn, the use of financial reserves to bulk up flagging balance sheets was widespread.

"In terms of this cookie-jar approach to accounting, it had a long history at Nortel, it wasn't just the accused who were involved in it," Hubbard said during the second day of the trial.

Hubbard likened the alleged scheme overseen by Dunn to a game of Sudoku, in which he knew what would trigger bonuses tied to a return to profitability and manipulated numbers.

Hubbard said the former leaders of what was once Canada's biggest company were orchestrating an "earnings management scheme" through which they held back millions of dollars of "out of balance" money so it could be reported later at their choosing.

Dunn, who was Nortel's chief financial officer before he became its chief executive officer, former CFO Douglas Beatty and former controller Michael Gollogly are accused of defrauding Nortel of $5 million. All have pleaded not guilty.

The Crown has a list of 27 witnesses it plans to call, including former employees whom it has warned the judge may have acted as accomplices. Defence opening arguments are expected Wednesday. The trial could last longer than six months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY

TSX	Dollar
- 25.77 (12,232.83)	+ 0.27¢ (98.50¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas**
+ 19¢ US ($111.53 US)	$2.49 US (- 18¢ US)
	Gold
	$1,655.60 US (+ $24.80 US)

Instant. Purchase

▶ Attendees at the National Retail Federation listen to a discussion about Google Wallet Tuesday.

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No cash or credit? Tap your phone

The Google Wallet mobile app securely stores your credit cards and rewards cards, and offers them on your smartphone. When you check out at stores that accept Google Wallet, you can pay and redeem offers by tapping your phone.

Low interest rates, more debt: Bank

Ottawa is prepared to intervene again to discourage home buying, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Tuesday after the Bank of Canada warned low interest rates could cause Canadians to pile on more debt. The bank said the policy interest rate will stay at a super-low one per cent. Economists say rates may stay low for a year or two more. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget seeks to protect us: Flaherty

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Tuesday his upcoming budget will seek to address longer-term problems facing Canada, while protecting the country from external shocks in the current economic environment. News reports suggest the government is looking to limit Old Age Security benefits to qualified people at least 67 years of age, and to tackle pension plans for federal employees and elected members of Parliament. Flaherty said the budget will stick to its target of eliminating the $32-billion federal deficit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Jim Flaherty

Reproduction of Hitler memoir challenged

A state government in Germany is looking at legal measures to prevent a British publisher's plans to reproduce excerpts from Adolf Hitler's infamous memoir Mein Kampf.

The Finance Ministry of the German state of Bavaria said Tuesday that publisher Peter McGee's plans to reproduce three 16-page segments of Mein Kampf with critical commentary may violate the copyright on the book. The ministry said in a statement that it believes the segments are too long to be considered excerpts not covered by copyright.

McGee told The Associated Press that his attorney has advised him otherwise. He plans to go ahead with the publication as an insert to his weekly Zeitungszeugen magazine, which reproduces historical newspapers from the Nazi era with commentary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Is the comic book movie well starting to run dry?

Nicolas Cage rides back into theatres as Ghost Rider in mid-February With tier-two comic book heroes getting hit up for a sequel, it begs the question: After a decade-long spandex-and-leather blockbuster boom, are there any comic book film adaptations left in the tank?

Green Arrow
This B-league bow-master has been hitting hard targets since 1941, but outside of fan-boy circles he might as well be a contestant on American Archer. Not only does Green Arrow borrow from Robin Hood's wardrobe but he also shares the Englishman's penchant for the redistribution of wealth.
Movie Buzz: Years back, Kevin Smith's name was bandied about in connection with an Arrow movie. More recently NY Times best-selling author Brad Meltzer has dropped hints that he'd be down to pen the script.
Odds of ever making the big screen: Slim as a solo deal but sky-high in a Justice League of America (JLA) live-action flick.

Captain Canuck
The Cap is a well-mannered Mountie who acquires super-strength after a run-in with some aliens while camping. He then dons red-and-white spandex with a maple leaf emblazoned on his forehead while tangling with baddies. In its original incarnation the series was set in a future world where Canada had become, according to the first issue, "the most important country in the world."
Movie Buzz: Mind's Eye Entertainment owns the film rights and plans on developing the project with the cooperation of series creator Richard Comely.
Odds of ever making the big screen: Pretty good, eh.

Aquaman
The often-parodied super-swimmer has been breathing underwater and having telepathic conversations with fish, mollusks and other sea life since 1941. Ventriloquist and comedian Jeff Dunham points out that Aquaman has the same powers as SpongeBob SquarePants.
Movie Buzz: If Shaq could suit up and play Steel, there's no reason why Michael Phelps couldn't dye his hair blonde and start chatting up some beluga whales.
Odds of ever making the big screen: While HBO's Entourage featured the making of an Aquaman action movie with James Cameron, the underwater hero doesn't get that caliber of Hollywood love in real life.

Flash
In the comic book world the mantle of the fastest man alive has been held by Jay Garrick, Barry Allan, Wally West and Bart Allan. A mainstay in the T-shirt wardrobe of Big Bang Theory's Dr. Sheldon Cooper, Flash has remained fashion forward in geek circles for more than 70 years.
Movie Buzz: Fan-boys are chirping a mile a minute and "Rock the Lightning" would be a great poster tagline.
Odds of ever making the big screen: In 1990-91 CBS ran a single season of The Flash starring John Wesley Ship. But if there's ever a JLA movie, Warner Bros. will greenlight a Flash solo joint in a red-hot minute.

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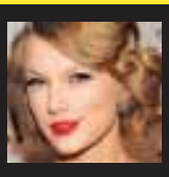
Black Panther
Beyond Wesley Snipes vamping it up in Blade movies, there haven't been too many mainstream African-American superhero movies. Created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby in 1966, Black Panther — the protector of the fictitious African nation of Wakanda — is the Jackie Robinson of superheroes laying the groundwork for all that followed including Luke Cage, Falcon, Storm and Spawn.
Movie Buzz: Some small murmurs a the moment.
Odds of ever making the big screen: They'd need to get creative with the title, otherwise many would assume the movie was about the radical organization of the same name. MIKE DOJC

In brief



Should Jake Gyllenhaal be worried? Taylor Swift graces the cover of Vogue's February issue and tells the magazine her next album will be about an "absolute crash-and-burn heartbreak" she experienced. The 22-year-old singer doesn't name names, but she did date Gyllenhaal in 2010.
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Marvel says creativity, compelling stories will drive comics again in 2012.

Aviation films still fly in Hollywood

Rumour has it George Lucas' Red Tails' air battles amongst the best created on film

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The first Best Picture Oscar winner was Wings, a 1927 aviation flick featuring an inane love story but some spectacular aerial footage.

Director William A. Wellman used his experience as a celebrated combat pilot during World War I to create the movie's realistic and thrilling dogfights, which packed audiences into first-run theatres for 63 weeks straight.

George Lucas, the producer of this weekend's Red Tails, must be hoping for similar success for his aviation movie. If Red Tails draws crowds, he says, he wants to expand the story of African American World War II pilots the Tuskegee Airmen into a trilogy.

Advance word suggests Red Tails' air battles are amongst the best ever created on film. Perhaps so, but Lucas has 100 years of elaborate aerial photography to compete with.

The flying sequences in Battle of Britain, the 1969 recreation of the British RAF's defeat of the Luftwaffe, are regarded as the gold standard of aviation footage. To shoot these spectacular scenes the filmmakers assembled such a large collection of vintage planes that the production briefly became the 35th largest air force in the world.

But not all the planes were authentic. Mock-ups of Spitfires and Hurricanes, powered by lawn mower engines, can be seen taxiing down runways.

▶ Lindsay Lohan

Should Lindsay play Liz Taylor?

Lindsay Lohan's plans to relaunch her acting career may not be as set in stone as she thought.

The troubled actress is up to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime TV movie, but the film's producer tells E! News that Lohan isn't the only starlet being considered.

"I've been talking to Lindsay Lohan directly, and with her reps, and have been in conversation with other actresses, including Megan Fox," Larry Thompson says.

"It's a very serious selection. It's like casting for Hollywood royalty."

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Celebrity tweets

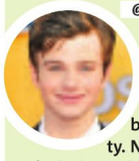
@jessicaalba

Ever feel like you can fall asleep in 1.5 seconds 2 hrs after u wake up? It's 1 of those days.

@ActuallyNPH

I've found a new TV obsession: Celebrity Big Brother UK. Can't stop watching YouTube videos! I so badly want to partake!

@chriscolfer



I was just called "Mama" at a first birthday party. Not sure how I feel about this...

@Joan_Rivers

Madonna reveals that she "didn't stand in front of a mirror and say I'll only date young men". No, she said it on the way to Chuck E Cheese.

Jay-Z heads toward PG-13 lyrics

Now that he's a dad to a baby girl, Jay-Z is cleaning up his act, according to NME. The rapper has released a poem vowing to stop using the word "bitch" in his lyrics. "Before I got in the game, made a change, and got rich. I didn't think hard about using the word bitch," he writes.

"I rapped, I flipped it, I sold it, I lived it. Now with my daughter in this world I curse those that give it."

Jay-Z also released a song earlier this month that features the sounds of daughter Blue Ivy Carter cooing and crying, which made her the youngest person ever to be credited on the U.S. Billboard singles chart.

Jay-Z

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Paula Deen: Now is 'God's time' to make some cash

- The queen of unhealthy cooking reveals she has Type 2 diabetes
- Interesting that she just got a sweet deal to promote a diabetes drug...

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▶ Paula Deen

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Thanks to a super scoop by The Daily, it's been known that celebrity chef of all things fattening — deep-fried butter balls, Velveeta fudge, and butter, mayo, and whiz spread, to name just a few of her recipes — Paula Deen had developed Type 2 diabetes and would soon go on a publicity blitz about the diagnosis.

Well, that whirlwind media tour happened yesterday when she went on The Today Show as well as grant an interview to USA Today.

Although she's apparently been diabetic for over two years (while continuing to shill her high-fat, high-calorie cooking), she decided to go public now because, as she puts it, it wasn't "God's time" when she first learned she was sick.

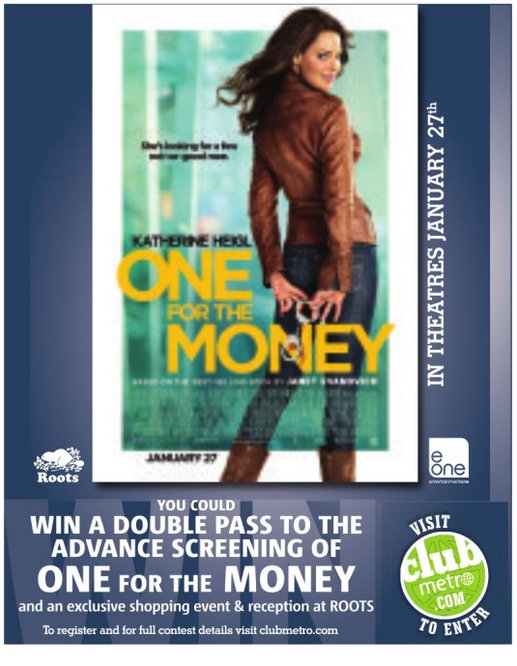
"I felt like I had nothing to offer anybody other than the announcement. I wasn't armed with enough knowledge. I knew when it was time, it would be in God's time," she told USA Today.

Interestingly enough, for Deen, "God's time" means "time to finagle a lucrative contract with a makers of a diabetes drug." As, oh yes, Deen used that lull to sign on as a sponsor for the diabetes medicine Victoza. A new website featuring Deen as their spokesperson also launched Monday.

Deen doesn't want to say how much money she's making off the deal.

She tells USA Today, "Talking about money is garish. It's tacky. But, of course, I've been compensated for my time. That's the way our world works."

Is it just me, or is it also garish and tacky to continue to shill your junk food to people even though you know it can make them sick — like it did you?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Travel in brief

Wild Women Expeditions is celebrating its 22nd season in operation with adventures in every region of Canada. What started in 1991 as an all-women canoe tripping company has expanded across Canada is now offering kayak, flatwater and whitewater canoe, hiking, cycling, surfing and yoga adventures. One of their newest offerings is the Wild Yoga Retreats in Gros Morne, Nfld., and Bay of Fundy, N.B. From June through to September, many expeditions are available. The complete schedule is available online at wildwomenexp.com/calendar.

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Dare to Wear Love museum exhibit features Canadian fashions inspired by Africa

Aruba: One happy island

Aruba has some of the best beaches in the Caribbean and it's outside the hurricane zone But there's more to this island than the beach

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Aruba, a tiny island only 25 kilometres from the Venezuelan coastline, is known for its turquoise water and white sandy beaches. But, unlike many of its Caribbean neighbours, it hasn't been taken over by all-inclusive resorts and all of its beaches are public.

It's safe, easy to get around, and you'll find hundreds of restaurants, bars and nightclubs in Oranjestad, the island's picturesque capital, so you won't be stuck eating at the same buffet table every day.

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All of Aruba's beaches are public.

What to do

If you can manage to tear yourself away from your poolside lounge chair and mojito, there's no shortage of easily accessible activities on the island — scuba diving, snorkeling, windsurfing, kitesurfing, sea kayaking, water skiing and sailing, to name just a few. There's also hiking, quad trekking and sunset horseback riding in the island's national park. As for beaches, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach are among the best beaches in the Caribbean, perfect for swimming and sunbathing.

For windsurfing/kitesurfing: To take advantage of the near-constant trade winds, head to Boca Grandi, Malmok, Grapefield or Fisherman's Huts.

Diving and snorkeling

Aruba is the wreck diving capital of the Caribbean with more than 20 wreck sites off of the coast just waiting to be explored — including the German freighter Antilla, from the Second World War. Whether you're a novice or advanced diver, you can spot a range of aquatic life. Several outfitters such as De Palm Tours and Red Sail Sports offer catamaran trips to the island's best snorkeling spots.

Aruba for land lovers

For non-aquatic adventure, head to Aruba's national park, Arikok National Park, a protected area that covers 18 per cent of the island.

Here you'll find more than 32 kilometres of hiking trails among several species of cacti (go on your own or on a guided tour with one of the knowledgeable park rangers), as well as historical sites, limestone caves with Amerindian pictographs, and the pounding surf of Dos Playa, ideal for surfing and bodyboarding.

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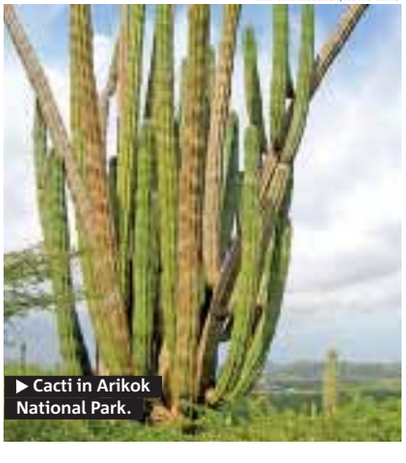

Cacti in Arikok National Park.

Events

January-March, Carnival: This is Aruba's biggest party of the year, complete with street parties and parades, flamboyant costumes and fantastic music.

May, Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival: This star-studded, two-night concert series has previously featured India Arie, Alicia Keys and Jennifer Hudson. For more, visit soulbeach.net.

June, Aruba International Film Festival: Actors, producers and film-makers from around the world will descend on Aruba for eight days to celebrate international film. For more, visit arubafilm.com.

November, Aruba in Style (Fashion Week): Don't miss this yearly fashion, entertainment and lifestyle event — a mix of trendy fashion shows, glamorous parties and shopping.

Where to eat

Thankfully, Aruba offers a lot more than the all-inclusive buffet. In fact, there are several hundred options, from high-end dining to local seafood shacks.

Papiamento Restaurant: Join the Ellis family in their 175-year-old manor house for upscale dining in a tropical garden setting. Try the local specialty Keshi Yena, made with minced tenderloin and chicken stewed with prunes, raisins and cashews, topped with Dutch cheese.

Cuba's Cooking: You'll find genuine Cuban cuisine in one of the oldest houses of historic downtown Oranjestad, including ropa vieja, picadillo and palomilla steak — and one of the best bolero singing pairs outside of Havana.

Zeerovers Fish Bar: Head to this typical Aruban fisherman's bar in Savaneta for freshly caught fish and shrimps — this is where the locals go for the catch of the day. Forks are optional.

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Zeerover's Fish Bar.

Where to stay...

- The newly renovated Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa is the hotel group's flagship property, situated on 15 acres alongside Palm Beach.
- The Radisson's Sunset Grille is the only restaurant on the island that has achieved AAA Four Diamond status; try the prime rib or fresh seafood.

The stars of Jasper

Jasper National Park is the 'Disney World' of dark skies

Peter McMahon has stars in his eyes. His head is in the clouds. You might even say he's moonstruck, and he'd probably agree with you. But one thing is for certain — this is one space cadet whose feet are firmly on the ground.

McMahon is one of Canada's best-known astronomers, and certainly the most media savvy. He's travelled around the world to follow his dream of travelling among the stars.

So when he says that "Jasper National Park is becoming the Disney World of dark sky preserves," he means it in a good way.

McMahon was in Jasper for its first-ever Dark Sky Festival — a weekend of events in October celebrating Jasper National Park's designation at the world's largest — and darkest — dark sky preserve. Jasper turns out to be one of the best places in the world to get lost in space.

So it seems strange that his guided tour of the heavens is taking place on a bright sunny morning. Just what kind of tour you can possibly do with Sol high in the southern sky?

McMahon is sparkling with enthusiasm and aims his telescope at the faint daytime moon hanging over a mountain known as The Whistlers. When it comes to gazing at the moon, everything is much clearer in the light of day.

When darkness has covered the land, it's off to Pyramid Lake, about 10 minutes away from the town of Jasper and a galaxy away from the city lights.

Local Parks Canada astronomers conduct guided tours. Brian Catto, Parks Canada's resident skywalker, pulls out his laser pointer and draws a picture in the sky.

And there they are, larger than life: Cassiopeia, Perseus, Medusa, and Pegasus. THE CANADIAN PRESS

If you go...

- Jasper in January Festival 2012: Fire and Ice takes place Jan. 13-29. Several dark sky events have been added to the popular winter fest, including a Dark Sky Canyon Crawl conducted by Maligne Tours, taking place nightly at Maligne Canyon.
- The Fire in The Sky stargazing event (hosted and sponsored by Parks Canada) takes place at Pyramid Island on Saturday, Jan. 28. Official website for festival: jinj.ca.

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▶ Peter McMahon, left, is one of Canada's best-known astronomers.

Almonds' sweet side

These Almond Butter Crunch cookies have a great texture thanks to almond butter and roasted almonds

Using almond butter helps deepen the almond flavour in these cookies as well as offers up a great texture. Roasted almonds add crunch to the cookies.

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▶ The recipe makes about 50 cookies.

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C) and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In bowl, using electric mixer, beat almond butter, butter, brown sugar, egg and almond extract until light and fluffy.
3. In separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add flour into creamed mix slowly until well blended. Stir in diced almonds. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 mins.
4. Form into 1-inch (2.5 cm) balls and place on baking sheet; flatten with fork. Bake on centre rack in oven 12 mins or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheet for few minutes before transferring cookies to a wire rack. ALMOND BOARD OF CALIFORNIA/ NEWS CANADA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (500 mL) creamy almond butter
- 1/2 cup (250 mL) butter
- 1 cup (500 mL) brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pure almond extract
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) flour
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1/2 cup (250 mL) diced roasted almonds

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Make giving back sound even better

You volunteered — good for you! But what exactly did you do? Make that experience count on your resumé

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In the Volunteer Experience section of your resumé, do your bullet points look like any of these?

- Promoted and raised awareness for events
- Attended and assisted in events such as campus fair
- Assured information around campus is up-to-date
- Worked closely and communicated often with the President and VP Sales and Marketing
- Kept finances up-to-date

These are a sample of some bullet points taken from applicant resumés that I've reviewed recently.

Read any one of them and ask yourself: "What did he or she actually do in this position?"

What information should you include?

As the employer, I want to see specific examples in regards to what you did and how you did it, as well as the results that were generated by these actions, rather than somewhat vague or generic descriptions of your role.

To only write that you "promoted and raised awareness for events" is not enough — the key element is explaining how you did this. Did you put up flyers? Posters? A neat guerilla campaign using social media? And what was the result of the events? How many people came out? A bullet point without this type of information provides unsubstantial information and therefore doesn't give an employer many positive things to attribute to your work.

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▶ There will certainly be a spotlight on you if you know how to convey the importance of your volunteer work properly.

The resumé sentence

In resumé language, sentences should be formed answering "What you (actually) did" and great ones include "The result of my action was…" To communicate your volunteer experiences better, you should re-word the first aforementioned bullet point as such:

"Promoted our speaker series by administering daily booths and creating campus-wide marketing materials, which generated an additional 50 attendees."

Ahhh… now I know what you did, and it seems as though your marketing efforts were successful (and I am impressed that you measured your impact afterward!).

How do you measure your awesomeness?

Measuring your outcomes, getting evaluations, quantifying success and setting goals are all aspects that you must consider as you begin to volunteer (or work) so that you can understand and communicate your goals and accomplishments.

If you are a marketing person, for example, conduct a post-event survey by asking participants where or how they heard about the event.

This will give you the necessary feedback and evidence to prove that you were successful (50 students came because of you) or give you valuable insight into what you should or shouldn't do next time (important learnings or key take-aways from your experiences that can be applied to this job are also great for interviews, even if the result wasn't great).

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- Proficient in Microsoft Office including PowerPoint, Excel, Word & Outlook
- Attention to detail and thoroughness in the execution of tasks
- Creative, efficient, flexible, entrepreneurial, collaborative & detail oriented
- Strong communication abilities: writing, presentation and design
- Proven track record in profitable selling

Individuals interested and having the skills described are requested to submit their resume and cover letter via email to hr@metronews.ca no later than January 31, 2012. PLEASE QUOTE: "Retail Sales Account Manager - Winnipeg" in the subject line. All submissions will be treated as confidential.

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Swamped in New Jersey

Red-hot Kovalchuk nets two goals as Devils roll over Jets **Enstrom scores lone Jets goal**

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▶ Dainius Zubrus of the New Jersey Devils wraps up Jim Slater on Monday in Newark, N.J.

Ilya Kovalchuk scored two goals, giving him seven in six games, and the New Jersey Devils beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-1 on Tuesday night.

Patrik Elias had a goal and two assists, and Petr Sykora and David Clarkson also scored to give the Devils their third straight win and fifth in six games.

Martin Brodeur made 20 saves in recording his 14th win of the season and second over Winnipeg in four days. He came into the third period within reach of his first shutout of the season, but was beaten on a blast by defenceman Tobias Enstrom with 11:42 to play.

Brodeur, who has an NHL-record 116 shutouts, hasn't had a clean sheet since blanking Pittsburgh on March 25.

Winnipeg, which shut out Ottawa on Monday with Chris Mason in goal, had a couple of early scoring chances. Defenceman Mark Flood clanged a shot off the post in the opening five minutes, and Nik Antropov missed an open net on a rebound attempt midway through the period.

New Jersey grabbed the lead with 61 seconds left in the first.

Zach Parise intercepted a pass by Enstrom and sprung Kovalchuk on a breakaway. The Russian skated in on Mason and beat him with a shot between the pads.

The Devils scored three times in the opening 7:38 of the second period to put the game away.

Sykora extended the lead to 2-0 at 1:32 with his 11th of the season. He exchanged passes with defenceman Henrik Tallinder and one-timed the return pass into the corner of the net.

Clarkson stretched the lead to three goals just over three minutes later with a bad-angle shot from low in the right circle. It was his 16th goal of the season, one shy of his career high, set in 2008-09.

Kovalchuk got his 19th of the season on a power play at 7:38. He took a pass from Clarkson above the right circle and beat Mason with a rising shot.

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Jays sign Villanueva, Johnson, Francisco

The Toronto Blue Jays avoided arbitration with right-hander Carlos Villanueva, second baseman Kelly Johnson and outfielder Ben Francisco on Tuesday, signing all three to non-guaranteed one-year deals.

Johnson is scheduled to make $6.375 million US in 2012 while Villanueva agreed to a deal just under $2.3 million and Francisco is slated to get $1.537 million.

Toronto has two arbitration-eligible players remaining — pitchers Casey Janssen and Brandon Morrow. Second-year general manager Alex Anthopoulos said unless either or both players agree to a multi-year contract, the Jays and the player's representatives will indeed meet before an arbitrator, likely sometime next month.

"The one thing we both agree on is the players should get a raise and the players should make more than they made last year," he said during a conference call.

"I think we're all on the same page that we like the players and want to give them a raise.

"What we can't see eye-to-eye on is how much of a raise to give them so the third party has to get involved to tell us what the right amount is. We don't have a problem with that."

Then again, the Jays were scheduled to go to arbitration last year with slugger Jose Bautista and pitcher Jason Frasor, but settled on multi-year deals with both players prior to meeting with an arbitrator.

Bautista agreed to a five-year, $64-million US deal with a club option for a sixth year at $14 million while Frasor reached a one-year, $3.5-million agreement with a club option for 2012 worth $3.75 million.

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Giant request

Giants ace Tim Lincecum has asked for $21.5 million US in salary arbitration and been offered $17 million.

- The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner's request Tuesday neared the record amount sought in arbitration. Houston pitcher Roger Clemens asked for $22 million in 2005.
- San Francisco's offer was the highest in arbitration history, topping the $14.25 million the New York Yankees proposed for shortstop Derek Jeter in 2001.

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Sports in brief

1 The Indianapolis Colts have fired coach Jim Caldwell.

2 Tigers star Victor Martinez could miss the entire 2012 season after injuring his left knee during off-season conditioning.

3 Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Kris Letang returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since suffering a concussion in late November.

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Australian Open in pictures

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1 Thornhill's Milos Raonic crushed Italian Filippo Volandri, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2, on Tuesday and joined fellow Canadians Aleksandra Wozniak and Stephanie Dubois in the second round.

2 Li Na advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Olivia Rogowska on Wednesday, her best run at a major since her breakthrough win at the French Open.

3 Novak Djokovic started his Australian Open defence with a 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 win over Paolo Lorenzi of Italy. Andy Murray, who lost last year's final to Djokovic, struggled early before beating American Ryan Harrison 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

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'I hate bugs more than you can imagine'

Insects, not injured ankle or late start, irk Serena

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Serena Williams

If anything, it was the insects buzzing around Rod Laver Arena that bugged Serena Williams the most.

The injured left ankle held up fine in her opening match Tuesday at the Australian Open, and even the near-midnight start time was OK. But the bugs?

"I hate bugs more than you can imagine," Williams said after reaching the second round by beating Tamira Paszek 6-3, 6-2. "Like, they kept jumping on me. Yuck!"

The match started at 11:32 p.m., and Williams hit a service winner 1 hour, 19 minutes later to finish it off. In between points, though, she picked up and moved or shooed away bugs that landed on court, and two that landed on her back. A big one gave her a fright, making her hop as she tried to stifle a screech.

"I'm going to request not to play at night anymore because I hate bugs, except for the final. I heard it's at night," Williams said. "I'll try to get used to them."

Two years after she won her last Australian Open title, Williams extended her winning streak to 15 matches at Melbourne Park in the season's first major tournament. She won back-to-back titles in 2009 and 2010, but missed the chance to defend her title last year amid a prolonged injury layoff.

The late start was because Williams had to wait until the conclusion of a 4-hour men's night match won by Leyton Hewitt. And it was her first match since badly spraining her ankle two weeks ago at the Brisbane International, an injury that jeopardized her participation in Melbourne. Monday was the first time she was able to practice pain free, but she still had her lower left leg and ankles heavily taped.

"I don't let anything bother me," she said. "It's definitely different to have the ladies play so late, you know, so we'll see."

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Extra help, when needed

Unlike full-hybrid systems that can operate in electric mode only or in tandem with a gasoline engine counterpart, the eAssist's electric motor/generator, which takes the place of a traditional belt-driven alternator, kicks in when extra thrust is needed.

The only time the duo isn't in operation occurs when coasting downhill, while stopped at a light or in the throes of full-on traffic gridlock. Then, the gasoline engine shuts down to conserve fuel, leaving the electric side to run all the necessary accessories, such as the air conditioning.

When the light turns green or the way is clear, the engine fires up once the brake pedal is released.

Power outputs

The eAssist electric motor-generator, now standard on all LaCrosse models, replaces the traditional alternator and draws on a lithium-ion battery pack to boost the 182-horsepower (and 172 pound-feet of torque) 2.4-litre gasoline engine by an additional 15 horsepower and 110 pound-feet or torque.

It also generates an additional 15 kilowatts of power by recovering the energy produced from braking and converting it into electrical energy to help recharge the batteries.

▶ The LaCrosse is one of Buick's better-looking vehicles and is the largest. Still, it has a four-cylinder base engine that arrives with standard eAssist that adds just 15 horsepower under acceleration, but also 110-pound-feet of torque. The combination is rated at 8.0 l/100 km in the city, 5.4 highway.

Bigger doesn't always mean better for Buick

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For traditional Buick lovers, their world must seem a truly bewildering place.

Buyers of the brand's big floaty sedans used to shop for Park Avenues, LeSabres and, until recently, Lucernes.

But that large barge has now sailed, taking with it the last vestiges of what once made Buick the final word in upper-mid-range opulence.

General Motors has retooled its formerly moribund Buick brand and infused it with some particularly tasty small-scale products that offer style and fuel economy, while placing trailer-towing capacity in the forget-about-it bucket.

Other than the popular Enclave wagon, the largest vehicle in the fleet is now the LaCrosse, a model that received a complete makeover for the 2010 model year and is currently one of the classiest looking four-doors around.

But following two years in service, there are major changes in store for this model, as well as its Regal relation, that promise to make both models significantly more fuel efficient.

The upgrade is called eAssist, a name that describes what GM calls its "light electrification" technology, but in other circles is best described as a mild hybrid.

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By comparison

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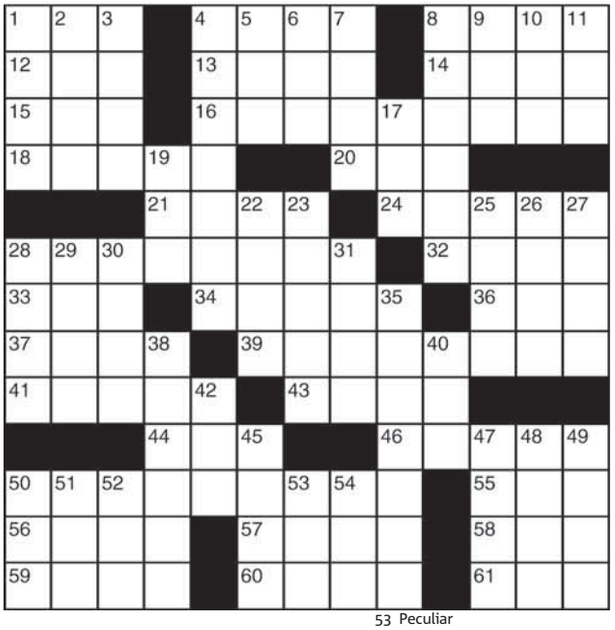

Across

1 $ dispenser
4 Two-way
8 Use a really old telephone
12 Payable
13 Therefore
14 A Great Lake
15 "CSI" evidence
16 Karate level
18 Popular condiment
20 That girl
21 — Stanley Gardner
24 Lightheaded
28 Winter road hazard
32 Pop
33 Help
34 Urban palls
36 Chum
37 Huff and puff
39 Shiner
41 Bewildered
43 Concept
44 Clear the tables
46 Hosiery material
50 Result of a star's collapse
55 Time of your life?
56 Peru's capital
57 Stench
58 Expert
59 Squad
60 Nervous
61 Corral

Down

1 Tosses in
2 Albacore, e.g.
3 Repast
4 Goes ashore
5 It starts with "http"
6 — Khan
7 Ness or Lomond
8 Scattered odds and ends
9 Anger
10 Have a bug
11 Allow
17 St. Bernard's load
19 Moment
22 Arm or leg
23 Meat contaminant
25 Ninny
26 Crucial time
27 Harvard's rival
28 Ali —
29 Springlike tune
30 Commotions
31 "Zounds!"
35 Landscapes
38 Online video equipment
40 Singer Starr
42 Diving bird
45 Old woman's home?
47 Reindeer herder, probably
48 Shrek, for one
49 Night light
50 Short-order sandwich
51 Whopper
52 "I — Camera"
53 Peculiar
54 Journal

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	B	E	T		M	A	G	I		P	T	A		
M	I	N	I		A	L	U	M		O	A	R		
P	O	S	T	H	A	S	T	E		S	K	I		
			L	I	M	O		A	C	T	E	D		
G	A	P	E	S			A	N	O	N				
R	O	O	D		S	E	M	I	N	A	R	S		
I	N	S		L	I	M	I	T		T	A	O		
D	E	T	R	I	T	U	S		D	A	F	T		
		M	U	L	E			M	E	L	T	S		
S	E	A	M	Y		A	E	O	N					
P	A	R		P	O	S	T	P	O	N	E	D		
A	S	K		A	R	I	A		T	I	R	E		
Y	E	S		D	E	A	L		E	L	A	N		

Sudoku

4				8				3
	2			9			5	
5			7		6			4
2		5				1		9
		8	3		5	4		
3		7				6		5
7			9		1			8
	5			7			4	
6				2				7

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	9	4	6	2	1	8	5	7
8	6	2	7	5	3	1	9	4
7	5	1	9	8	4	6	3	2
1	4	6	8	3	5	2	7	9
9	2	8	4	6	7	5	1	3
5	7	3	2	1	9	4	6	8
4	8	7	5	9	6	3	2	1
6	1	9	3	4	2	7	8	5
2	3	5	1	7	8	9	4	6

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Her
It's hard for me to see you crying because he left you. But it is more painful to see myself crying because I love you yet I can't say it to you.
RON

Daniela
Danii! Your the best! thanks fro beingggg theree for me always.. Love youuuuuuuuu so much!!! BFFF!
YOUR BEST FRIEND

mamabear
To my wonderful mother, It has been a wild 20 years. I'm so grateful to have you as my mother. Thanks for being there and being awesome. We can get through anything! We just have to fight it. Problems are just setbacks; speed bumps that slow us down :) I love you!!
DAUGHTERBEAR

BigHead, u still make my heart go pitter patter. Some things never change. ***BK**
KISSES* LOVE U, SPANKY

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BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist

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TODAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY
Min -25°	Min -25°	Min -22°
Max -21°	Max -18°	Max -17°

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You need to approach what you are working on in a more balanced way. Slow down a bit.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
With Mars on your side, you feel like you could take on the world and win. Maybe you can. Try it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
The fact that you are the only one in your social group who takes a particular viewpoint does not mean you are wrong.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
You may have to act tough or in some other way apply pressure to get what you want.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Life is good and getting better, so why are you still focusing on things that went wrong while ignoring things that went right?

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Mars in your sign turns retrograde in a few days, so focus energy on actually getting things done.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You may be tempted to cut corners a bit today but if you do, you may regret it next week.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You've never been the sort to worry what others think, and you're not about to change.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Tackle a task or objective that you might not feel you're able to master at most other times.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
This is the perfect occasion to revisit something you failed at earlier. This time, you'll succeed.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Seems you're having trouble keeping a desire of some sort under wraps. Why would you want to?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Because Mars is moving through your opposite sign at the moment, it may feel as if the whole world is against you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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